



eNEWS DECEMBER 2016

The monthly eNewsletter (eNews) for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) and Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) has three sections:

- (1) Classes and Events both at the library and elsewhere
- (2) [RVGS News of member and society activities](#)
- (3) [JCGL News about our book collection and internet resources](#)

Classes and Events

Jackson County Genealogy Library

Now to December 10, raffle tickets to win a DNA kit or FlipPal scanner are for sale.

Monday, Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m. **Board Meeting.**

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1:30-3:00 p.m. **FTM for PC Users.** Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in advance by calling 541-512-2340, stop by the library or email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com.

Thursday, Dec. 8, 1:30-3 p.m. **Irish Interest Group.** Bruce McGarvey facilitates this group interested in Irish research, culture and history. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in advance by calling 541-512-2340, stop by the library or email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com.

Saturday, Dec. 10, **LIBRARY CLOSED.**

Saturday, Dec. 10. Noon- 3:00 p.m.. **Volunteer Luncheon and General Membership Meeting.** New officers will be installed. Please register early by calling 541-512-2340, stop by the library or email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com.

Monday, Dec. 12, 1:00- 3:00 p.m. **DNA Interest Group, Advanced.** Lorita Cushman facilitates this group who have had their DNA tested. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in advance by calling 541-512-2340, stop by the library or email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Dec.13, 10:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. **Pre-Christmas Tour of JCGL** including a complimentary family census. Free to all. Tell your friends.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 3:30- 5:00 p.m. **German Interest Group.** Mary Robsman facilitates this group interested in German research, culture and history and the German seminar scheduled for April. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in advance by calling 541-512-2340, stop by the library or email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 14. *FTM for Mac Users* will not meet in December.

Monday, Dec. 19 through Saturday, Dec. 24. **LIBRARY CLOSED.**

Monday, Dec. 26. *DNA for Beginners* will not meet in December.

Saturday, Dec. 31. **LIBRARY CLOSED.**

A Peek into January 2017:

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1:30- 3:00 p.m. FTM for PC users. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register in advance by calling 541-512-2340, stop by the library or email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com.

Monday, Jan. 9, 9:30 a.m. Board meeting.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1:00- 3:00 p.m. DNA Interest Group, Advanced.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 3:30-5:00 p.m. German interest group.

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 10:00- 11:30 a.m. FTM for Mac users.

A free series of classes for beginners is scheduled in January 2017.

'Tis the season

The RVGS December Membership Meeting and Volunteer Holiday Luncheon

will be Saturday December 10th, 12 noon, at the Jackson County Genealogy Library. Volunteers will receive a special email invitation with an RSVP option or call the library to sign up. Other members planning to attend, please call the library 541-512-2340 or email reception.jcgl@gmail.com. 2017 elected officers will be installed at the meeting.

R.S.V.P

Are you lucky? Buy raffle tickets to win an Ancestry DNA Kit (valued at \$79) or a Flip Pal Scanner (valued at \$140.) Raffle items are on display at the library. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5. Sales reduce the cost of the Holiday Luncheon. The drawing will be at the Luncheon. You do not need to be present to win.



The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve asked again if JCGL would be a drop off point for their annual Toys for Tots campaign. You will find the donation box to the left of the reception desk. We collected and donated two full boxes last year. Maybe we can fill three this time.

Did you know Toys for Tots began in 1947 when a kind wife of a major in the Marines made a Raggedy Ann doll and asked her husband to find an organization who could give it to a needy child for Christmas. He couldn't find one and she suggested he should start one. He did and Toys for Tots was born. The organization has distributed over 500 million gifts to needy kids over the years.



Genealogy Gifts for Family and Friends For sale at the library:

- * JCGL membership for a year, \$30 per person.
\$45 for two persons in the same household:
free use of library and
computers with subscription websites,
3 hours of mentoring,
genealogy classes,
interest groups,
society publications,

[\(Click here to purchase membership online using PayPal.\)](#)

- * JCGL's one-visit guest pass (\$5 each, 3 for \$10)
- * research certificate (\$15 for one hour)
- * stocking stuffers such as a 15-generation pedigree chart and a simple tree-shaped family tree

LOCAL EVENTS

Windows in Time: "Rogue River Indian Wars"

Wednesday, December 7, 12 noon. Medford Public Library.

Wednesday, December 14, 12 noon. Ashland Public Library.

RVGS News

NEW MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER

Leonard & Barb Duncan

Ruth White

Patricia Turner

Teddi Jacobsen

Mary J. "Micki" Baker

Joe Davis

Sid Frederick

Misty Orlando

Dwain & Joan Meyer

President's End-of-Year Message 2016

for Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Medford, Oregon

This society continues to be a successful "work in progress!" Every year there are new ideas for our patrons and the community. There are new projects developed as well as the continuing projects to collect and showcase our Jackson County Records. We are respected in our community as an organization that can operate with a dedicated base of members who help support the library with an all-volunteer staff of officers, project workers, and librarians. Our message is getting out that we offer more than just Jackson County records, but of those, we are most proud. Our computers with genealogical subscriptions total 15 and our library contains nearly 20,000 items in books, bulletins, vertical & pioneer files and film for patrons to locate their ancestral families.



This was our year to celebrate 50 years as a society and we did that with many events. It took over a year of planning. The effort was worth it and members, the community and researchers from around the state and California attended a Seminar with nationally known speaker, Judy Russell. An evening banquet was held at Inn at the Commons. We hosted an Ice Cream Social and a Wine and Cheese Reception to acknowledge our volunteers. Genealogy week, free to the public, held 11 classes and a panel to help solve individual problems. Our Opening Ceremony had a presentation of our history beginning in 1966 with the many library moves. Our guest speaker was Larry Horton, a Past President, faithful supporter and honorary Board Member. Speakers acknowledged the years of work by others such as the webmasters and the volunteer building remodel contractor and crew who transformed our building from a Mexican restaurant into a bustling library, meeting room, and offices. Our Anniversary Quilt was unveiled.

Because of our volunteers the indexing of records for our website continues. Due to the retirement of our volunteer webmasters of 14 years, we have moved to a website management system that will incorporate our newsletter, and give us a new format and design for our current and growing content. We have a new bookkeeping service that focuses on non-profits and will provide a "check and balance" system for our membership.

Our Finance Director was thrilled to announce that our mortgage for the building at 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, was paid off in August 2016. We have had many generous donors over these last three years. Letters seeking support for our Annual Fund will continue. Our membership dues have been kept low at \$30 a year, but that only pays about 33% of our expenses, so there will most likely

always be a fund drive for expenses which includes utilities, Internet, subscriptions etc. Our successful grant writer continues to seek out many opportunities.

Also successful this year as in the past, has been the quality of General Meeting Programs. Interest groups include German, Irish and Beginning and Advanced DNA. User groups are popular with Family Tree Maker Software for Mac's and PC's. Classes increased in numbers along with "Let's Talk About It" that helped many patrons learn about social media use among other topics.

Public Relations include our membership in the Chamber of Commerce from Ashland, Phoenix and Medford with-RVGS being a Greeters Host for each, once a year at our library. We belong to the Federation of Genealogical Societies and other professional organizations.

Mentoring continues for new members and this team puts in many hours to get patrons started. Membership was 550 in 2012. As of November 10, 2016 our membership is 776. We are obviously doing something right.

We had representatives for Spotlight of Excellence for the last three years each quarter acknowledging the dedication of librarians and work of project volunteers. We currently have 92 volunteers, including librarians, indexers, proofreaders, and others doing many projects such as accessioning the many books purchased and donated. By mid-November 2016, 14,317 volunteer hours were logged. Our library maintenance needs are met outside and inside with a volunteer tech consultant and recycle and garbage collection volunteers! Recruiting of volunteers is ongoing.

We have some future needs being identified such as more storage and an over-head roof for the south door entrance. Classroom tech equipment for our Reading Room is on the "wish list". Acoustical folding doors dividing the large meeting room into two rooms will be installed early 2017, thanks to donations and successful grants! These will give RVGS the ability to schedule more classes simultaneously. And the budget allows for the replacement of tired patron computers, and next year a few new office chairs and desks.

During the year, our 13 member board made up of five officers [President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee) and eight directors [Finance, Education, Library Manager, Public Relations, Membership, Volunteer Coordinator, Maintenance and Past President] dealt with many issues such as insurance reviews, bylaws, purchases, activities, budget, policy reviews, events and more items than you want to hear about. We have functioned well as a board in agreement by majority rule. We all get along regardless of varied opinions and that's healthy allowing us to focus on what is best for our society. Our growth has given us some challenges both budget wise and staffing. There will be some changes which add to the health of any society.

During the past three years as your president, I have been very pleased with the board and their decisions. You have been too or you wouldn't continue to support us. I must add that this is a thrifty group! Our Office Manager uses coupons for supplies and we weigh all budget expenses to get the best deal. There is dedication knowing that our volunteerism hours are helping preserve those things we value such as family history and helping others do the same. We are a unique genealogical organization in the United States for our relatively small area in southern Oregon. We own our own library, we are all-volunteer and our membership base continues to grow. I have been pleased to serve as your president.

Regards,
Andrea Patterson

RVGS Officers for 2017

Election of RVGS officers for 2017 was held at the general membership meeting, November 15, 2016. Officers for 2017 will be as follows:

Anne Billeter, President
Karen Asche, Vice President
Sheila Kimball, Secretary
Barbara Shrewsberry, Treasurer
Betty Miller, Trustee

The Annual Board Retreat



Every year in November the board meets 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. to review our goals for the next five years and plans for the following year. Several members were invited who are not board members, as they can offer different ideas to problem solving and future ideas to keep our society thriving. We discuss needed policy changes, library needs, recruitment, administrative goals among many other items. This goal setting activity and evaluation keeps the membership strong and the society successful.

Participants were Andrea Patterson, Barbara Shrewsberry, Anne Billeter, Charleen Brown, Chloe Sternola, Chuck Eccleston, Marie Fulbright, Marilyn Ayres, Alan Marion, Rich Miles, Betty Miller, Barbara Northrop, Rick Black, Barbara MacMillen, Terrie McCoy, Dorothy Cotton, Ruth Wade, Mary Robsman.

We could use your help!

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society needs a Hospitality Committee. What would be the job description? For one or more persons to arrange refreshments for nine General Meetings held the 3rd Tuesday each month except July, August and December. A set up time of 1:00, meeting at 1:30. [Prepare coffee. Lay out table service and cookies. Follow up with a few thank you notes. All items are reimbursable.] Call the library 541-512-2340 or email reception.jcgl@gmail.com and leave your name. A representative from the Education Committee will call you back. Thanks for your support!

It's Inventory Time

In December we will be taking our annual inventory of the more than 18,000 cataloged items in the library collection. This is a great opportunity to discover books you didn't know were in the library... you might find an ancestor! Volunteers are invited to join for one or more two-hour (or longer, your choice) shifts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

Monday, December 12 - Friday, December 16

Monday, December 19 - Thursday, December 22

Volunteers work in teams of two, so recruit a friend, or sign up alone and meet someone new! To sign up, email reception.jcgl@gmail.com or call the JCGL library during open hours: 541-512-2340.

Volunteer Librarians needed

Looking for meaningful volunteer work in 2017? JCGL needs librarians. We will train you. The schedule is flexible. Some of our volunteers work 1/2 day a month, others two days a month, others one day a week. Some work a combination of 1/2 and full day shifts. A full day shift is six hours (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) Monday thru Saturday; the Tuesday evening shift is five hours (4 p.m.-9 p.m.). If you are interested in volunteering as a librarian, please call Chloe at 541-482-2184. A bonus: When no one needs your help, you can work on your own research!

Spotlight on Excellence Program

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Board of Directors has over the past three years nominated candidates to represent the spirit of volunteerism on the Spotlight on Excellence honor board. There is no way the Board could showcase each deserving person. The selections were based on dedication, knowledge of their position, assistance with patrons and their overall service to the society and library. Each quarter we chose a representative for the position of LIBRARIAN-VOLUNTEER and a representative for the PROJECTS being completed at Jackson County Genealogy Library. The Spotlight on Excellence will close in December. Stay tuned for our new focus and display.

RVGS FINANCIAL NEWS

NEED A TAX DEDUCTION FOR 2016??

Your donation before the end of this year can serve us both...you receive a tax deduction just by donating to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Fund Drive and we can continue to provide the programs and services you need to find your ancestors! Your generous and faithful participation in our Society is vital. Contributions can be made in two ways.

- 1) Go to www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html to make a donation online or click on the "Donate Now" link on our Facebook page.
- 2) Drop off a donation at the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford.

All donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, #93-0684590. If you take Required Minimum Distributions, you can donate all or any part of the distribution directly; send your request to the administrator of your fund. In addition, if you donate a matching amount to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you can receive a tax credit for the ENTIRE amount of your donation (maximum \$1,000 for couple; \$500 single). Just go to www.culturaltrust.org/donate for more details.

As an all-volunteer organization, all donations are put into the operation and improvement of the library. No funds are received from any government sources. It is because of YOU that the library has grown to be the largest genealogical library between Portland and Sacramento. I hope you will consider making a generous donation to the RVGS Annual Fund this year.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2016 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE DONORS THUS FAR!

Katherine Alsing, Vernon & Marti Arnold, Al and Marilyn Ayres, Colista Bailey, Roberta Becker, Robb Beckett, Arthur Bigelow, Anne Billeter, Stephen Bosbach, RE & Donna Brewer, Patricia Brewer, Glen Briggs, Warren & Charleen Brown, Bill & Marion Collins, Sheila Couey, Carolyn Craig, Carita Culmer, Julie Drengson, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, Kathy Edwards Estate, John & Lorraine Ferrell, Sharon Freeburne, Marie Fulbright, Norbert Leiberg, Rich Miles, Ginger Montes, Janet Gleaves, Janet Gregory, Dorothea Hatch, Robert Hawk, Gene & Charlotte Henry, Monty & Carol Holst, Horton Family Foundation, Larry & Ann Horton, Thomas Hunt, Barbara Jarvis, Jackson & Caroline Jones, Florence Kemp, Sheila Kimball, Mary Lynn Lucas, Barbara & Dick MacMillen, James Maize Jr., Judy Mallchok, Barbara Middaugh, Sharan Newman, Dennis Patterson, Jack & Andrea Patterson, Charlotte Redfield, Shirley Rhodes, Richard Ritchie, Roger & Nancy Roberts, David Rodkey, Deanna Russell, Anita Seulean, Shalom Spendthrift Thrust, Barbara Shrewsberry, Vanya Sloan, J. Stevens, John & Janie Stewart, Dorothy Throne, Kim Thurman, Linda & Robert Turner, Ron & Jackie Wagner, William Walker, Muriel Williams

JCGL News

NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL

MILITARY

355.125 D372 Nea

Neagles, James C.

U. S. Military records: a guide to federal and state sources, colonial America to the present

WRITING

808 Chi

Chicago Manual of Style

BIOGRAPHY

920 Tho

Thomas, Joseph

Lippincott's Pronouncing Biographical Dictionary

GENEALOGY HOW-TO

Circ 929.194 Jon

Jonas, Linda

Genealogist's Guide to Discovering your Scottish ancestors: how to find and record your unique heritage

FAMILY GENEALOGIES

929.2 Brown

Thomas, Daniel Brown and

Esther Wardle: their ancestors and descendants

929.2 Plantagenet

Turton, W. H.

Plantagenet Ancestry, being tables showing over 7,000 of the ancestors of Elizabeth (daughter of Edward IV, and wife of Henry VII), the heiress of the Plantagenets...

929.2 Redvers

Bearman, Robert, ed.

Charters of the Redvers family and the Earldom of Devon 1090-1217

929.2 Sewall

Graves, Eben W.

Descendants of Henry Sewall (1576-1656) of Manchester and Coventry, England, and Newbury and Rowley, Massachusetts: The family in England and the first six generations in North America

NAMES

929.4 Bel

Bell, Robert

Book of Scots-Irish family names

929.4 Smi

Smith, Elsdon

New Dictionary of American family names

WORLD WAR II

Circ 940.54 H388 Cro

Crost, Lyn

Honor by fire: Japanese Americans at war in Europe and the Pacific

ENGLAND

942 B352 Fle

Fletcher, Richard

Who's who in Roman Britain and Anglo-Saxon England 55 B. C.– AD 1066

942 B352 Hic

Hicks, Michael A.

Who's Who in Late Medieval England (1272-1485)

942 B352 Rou
Routh, C. R. N.
Who's Who in Tudor England, 1485-1603

942 B352 Tye
Tyerman, Christopher
Early Medieval England, 1066-1272

ITALY

945 A101 Ada
Adams, Suzanne Russo
Finding Your Italian Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Circ 974.2 H388 Van
Van Deventer, David E.
Emergence of Provincial New Hampshire, 1623-1741

974.272 H388 At
At the Bend in the River: A history of Concord, New Hampshire

974.272 H388 Bro
Brown, David Arthur
History of Penacook, N. H. from its first settlement in 1734 up to 1900

974.272 H388 Vil
Village of West Concord New Hampshire 1726-1976

VERMONT

974.38 C388 Gil
Gilbert, Anna Elizabeth
Brief History of the United Congregational Church, Inc. of Dorset and East Rupert, Vermont

974.38 H388 Hum
Humphrey, Zephine
Story of Dorset, Vermont

NEW YORK

974.7545 H388 Whi
White, Philip L.
Beekmantown, New York: forest frontier to farm community

THE SOUTH

Circ 975.04 H388 Deg
Degler, Carl N.
Other South: Southern Dissenters in the Nineteenth Century

ILLINOIS

977.327 H388 Pas
Past and Present of LaSalle County, Illinois

THE WEST

978 B314 Mat
Mattes, Merrill J.
Platte River Road Narratives

Circ 978 G932 Fan
Fanselow, Julie
Traveler's guide to the Oregon Trail

WYOMING

Circ 978.785 H388 Gar
Garceau, Dee
Important things of life: women, work, and family in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, 1880-1929

ARIZONA

Circ 979.1 H388 Hea

Heatwole, Thelma

Ghost towns and historical haunts in Arizona

CALIFORNIA

979.4 A518 Bre

Breithaupt, Richard Hoag, Jr.

Sons of the Revolution in the State of California Centennial Register 1893-1993

OREGON

979.527 V381 Bir

2010-2015

Births from Newspapers 2010-2015,

Jackson County, Oregon

979.527 V381 Mar

2012-2015

Marriages & Anniversaries 2012-2015

Jackson County, Oregon

979.527 S227 Eag 1968

Eagle, The, 1968 -- of Eagle Point High School

WASHINGTON

Circ 979.737 H388 Coc

Cochran, Barbara Fleischman

Exploring Spokane's Past: Tours to Historical Sites

MAGAZINES RECENTLY RECEIVED

The most recent issue is shelved in the wire rack at the end of the 929.2 book stack

Circ 979.412 P273 Red

Redwood Researcher. Humboldt Co., v 49 #2, November 2016.

Circ 979.421 P273 Hei

Heir Lines. Siskiyou Co., v 41 #1, October 2016.

Circ 979.535 P273 Her

Heritage Newsletter. Linn Genealogical Society, Oregon. v 30 #9, November 2016.

Lost and Found

These items remain in the library's Lost & Found. Please drop in to identify and claim:

- * gray thermos
- * sunglasses with pearl-colored rims
- * reading glasses with brown frames in hard case
- * cordless mouse device left October 6, 2016
- * *FTM* CD left in Computer #5

